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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GRUBER *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/076,115

Filed: May 12, 1998

For: **Methods for Production and
Purification of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**

Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Tung, J.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4350001/RWE/BJD



Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 11, 1999, the period for replying to which having been extended two months from August 11, 1999, to October 12, 1999 (October 11, 1999, being a Federal Holiday), by the accompanying petition for extension of time and fee payment, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.